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Majority prices generally trending unchanged in the Midwest, but higher in West and East when compared to a week earlier. Trade sentiment was at least steady at prevailing price levels on whole product. Weekend clearances were reported as satisfactory with retail demand in a full range, but mostly moderate; food service orders were moderate for early week business. Offerings were in balance to closely cleared for trade needs. Availability and deliveries of product were still hampered and continued to be affected due to seasonal truck shortages. In the parts structure, trading was light to good. Wings were fully adequate to ample and at often competitive prices. Other part items were usually clearing satisfactory. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at irregular weights.

Final report Report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 5/10/04-05/14/04 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)		COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG
	Delivered to First Receivers			
Bos/New Eng	75.00-81.00	78.78	18	73.20
Chicago	73.00-76.00	75.71	44	77.96
Ohio Cities	TFEWR	—	—	76.80
Denver	80.50	80.50	14	81.15
Detroit	75.00-77.00	77.00	17	77.62
Los Angeles	81.00	80.65	65	79.88
New York	77.00-80.00	78.10	24	76.63
Philadelphia	77.50-80.00	78.09	11	76.59
Pittsburgh	78.00-80.00	78.42	12	78.22
St. Louis	75.25-75.50	75.07	22	74.28
San Francisco	81.50	81.74	36	85.91

Composite Weighted Average

Loads	05/10/04	Change/Last Wk	05/03/04	05/12/03
616	78.12	0.29	77.83	59.20

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delv'd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AV	LOADS
East	79.00-81.00	80.76	31
Central	75.75-83.00	80.11	76
West	85.00-89.00	85.44	36

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	75.00-77.00	76.25	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 75.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,081	71.25-77.75	75.12

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDERS	258.50	1,456
BREASTS - B/S	238.50	5,658
BREASTS - WHOLE	128.00	1,983
THIGH MEAT - B/S	117.00	1,083
LEG QUARTERS	35.50	8,135
WINGS	125.50	3,030

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was moderate to fairly good entering the week. Offerings of all sizes were in good balance and clearing under normal premiums. Retail and distributive draw was at least moderate, best for refill interest. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items remained balanced. Dark meat cuts were clearing very well. Wings were readily available.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was at least steady. Retail demand was fair to moderately good, best where features were in progress. Food service was moderate to good for early week orders. Supplies were close balanced to short of full trade needs. Due to the limited number of trucks available, major problems occurred with spot deliveries and product accessibility. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were slow to clear, balance of items were adequate to tight and moving fairly well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at mixed, but mostly desirable weights.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS The final majority prices were 1 cent higher than last Monday reported levels. Buying activity was moderate. Offerings were in close balance to generally adequate. Retailer demand was moderate to fairly good. Dealers reported fairly good weekend clearances. Trade sentiment was weak on wings and fully steady to firm on balance of parts. Reported trading on parts for this weeks' delivery: leg quarters bulk 37-39.5 and 4/10s 39.75-43.5, boneless leg meat 95-96, wings 115-120, bone-in breast 130-140 and boneless 223-232. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG weighted average was 86.21 up 2.14 with the volume at down 4 percent to 26 loads.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices increased into St. Louis, unchanged elsewhere from last Monday's final; Ohio cities TFEWR. Whole broiler/fryer market tone mostly fully steady to firm. Offerings very light to adequate on fairly good fill-in trade. Spot shortages were noted. Retail demand was generally light to moderate; occasionally good. Food service movement was moderate to very good; best into fast food and restaurants. Floor stocks were short to adequate; weights mixed. Parts offerings were in balance to less than full trade needs; wings readily available. The market tone was fully steady to firm on dark meat and breast cuts, wings barely steady to weak.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged moderate to good entering the week. Seller offerings on all sizes were in close balance and clearing. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 78 to 88 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were readily available. Breast items and dark meat cuts were noted as in good balance to short and well cleared.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA.

BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	73-92
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	81.62
NO. OF BOXES	8,627

*7 of 7 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was very good over the weekend and entering the week dealers were assessing refill needs and purchasing accordingly. Offerings of breast items remained in tight balance. Dark meat items were closely cleared and commanding normal premiums. Wings were available at discounted levels. Retail and distributive movement was moderate to good. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on breast items and dark meat cuts, barely steady to weak on wings.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	NEGOTIATED	CURRENT TRADING	WTD AVG	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S		235-240	232.20	423,900
TENDERLOINS		230-235	231.98	55,760
BREAST - WITH RIBS		124-125	130.02	118,480
BREAST - LINE RUN		124	126.97	130,720
LEGS		48-49	46.74	300,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)		36-37	36.20	283,409
DRUMSTICKS		38-39	44.73	121,520
THIGHS		45-46	50.36	65,800
B/S THIGHS		114-115	109.52	78,360
WINGS (WHOLE)		104-105	113.69	109,840
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)		10-12	11.97	28,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)		35-40	32.70	8,160
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)		55-60	59.58	25,600

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WT. AVG
BREAST - B/S	2,811	165.00-265.00	220-227	225.18
TENDERLOINS	444	225.00-256.00	232-235	232.95
BREAST - WITH RIBS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	1,306	26.00-34.00	26-32	31.96
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,382	34.00-36.00	-	34.77
WINGS (WHOLE)		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS	1,108	32.00-46.00	43-46	45.34

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	(1,000)	(1,000)		(1,000)	
	05/10	05/06	05/06	05/03	04/29
ALA	4,057	3,914	5.23	3,902	5.19
ARK	5,282	5,473	4.94	5,462	4.95
DELMARVA	2,168	2,179	5.51	2,246	5.43
KY-LA-TN	2,046	2,020	4.92	2,026	4.94
MISS	2,985	3,040	5.37	3,001	5.33
NC	2,471	2,488	6.36	2,392	6.20
TEXAS	2,406	2,510	5.11	2,480	5.05
TOTAL	21,415	21,624	5.29	21,509	5.24
MON	21,415(A)			21,509(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 10-May 2004 is estimated to be 32,039,000 down 0.73 percent from a week ago. and up 2.9 percent from a year ago. (last week 32,276,000 last year 31,138,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED-PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	POUNDS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	824	230.00-313.00	235-242	246.11
TENDERLOINS	231	230.00-278.00	230	237.45
BREAST - LINE RUN	87	124.00-131.00	124-127	126.94
FRONT HALVES		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
LEGS	73	44.00-57.00	46-47	46.52
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	370	34.00-36.00	35	34.78
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	888	36.00-40.00	36-38	36.75
WINGS (WHOLE)	297	108.00-120.00	-	114.55
WINGS (CUT)	582	117.00-125.00	118-123	121.99
DRUMSTICKS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
THIGHS		TOO FEW TO REPORT		
B/S THIGHS	180	105.00-127.00	-	117.44

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS

TRADING FOR MAY 10, 2004 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
73.50 - 78.00	76.66	75.68

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO: IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF MAY-10-14-2004

CENTS PER POUND	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	221.00 - 244.00	227.00 - 237.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	119.00 - 142.50	124.00 - 129.00
LEGS	42.00 - 53.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	33.00 - 39.25	35.00 - 37.00
DRUMSTICKS	37.00 - 48.00	-
THIGHS	46.00 - 54.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	90.00 - 122.00	110.00 - 112.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	30.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 49.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	93.25
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	97.75-101.75
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	
FROZEN DUCKS	
FROZEN SQUABS	600

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	95-97
ROASTERS 4# & UP	95-105
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	71-81

DUCKS
RABBITS-WHOLE
RABBITS-CUT UP

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK 106-114
	ICE PACK 106
ROASTERS 4# & UP	DRY PACK 107-109
	ICE PACK 107
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK 93
	DRY PACK 93-95
DUCKS	162-185

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE	13.50-16.00		-	920,000	520,000
WTD AVERAGE	14.91				
15-20%					
RANGE	14.50-19.00	11.50-16.00		2,768,800	1,248,000
WTD AVERAGE	16.78	13.52			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	12.00		160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		12.00			

* INCLUDES THE STATES of CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was moderate for the generally adequate to at least adequate offerings. Processing schedules were normal. Supplies of finished product were well cleared. The undertone was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.25-10.25	9-9.25	9.19
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING		TOO FEW TO REPORT	
FOB PLANT		TOO FEW TO REPORT	

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE CENTRAL REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

07-MAY-2004

CHICKEN — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED — PRICES — VOLUME —
(Cents per Pound)

FAT	CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS					
RANGE		15.00	-	80,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		15.00			
15-20%					
RANGE	14.005-17.00	11.00-15.00		2,492,400	881,600
WTD AVERAGE	15.17	12.35			
20% OR MORE					
RANGE	-	-		-	-
WTD AVERAGE					

* INCLUDES THE STATES of AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were generally unchanged compared to the past week. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent hens. Finished sales were fair. Schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *
PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 10-MAY-04

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6-12.25	9-9.75	9.49

*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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